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1. SUMMARY: USUN REVIEW SUPPORTS DEPARTMENT'S CONCLUSION THAT THERE WERE PRACTICALLY NO GENERAL DEBATE SPEECHES OTHER THAN "COMMUNIST BLOC ON HARD-CORE RADICAL NON-ALIGNED" ONES WHICH SPECIFICALLY SINGLED OUT THE US FOR GRATUITOUS CRITICISM. AS FOR MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN BILATERAL MEETINGS, WE BELIEVE THAT "DESTABILIZATION" ISSUE MIGHT BE EXPLOITABLE TO OUR ADVANTAGE. END SUMMARY.

2. MANY MEMBERS CRITICIZED US DURING 31ST UNGA DEBATE OVER ANGOLA AND VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS (REF(B)). AS NOTED IN REF (A), THERE WAS ALSO CIRTICISM OF OUR AFRICAN POLICY, OUR MIDDLE EAST POLICY, AND "DESTABILIZATION". IN TAKING UP "DESTABILIZATION", JAMAICA RELATED THIS TO THE PORTION OF THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT POLITICAL DECLARATION REGARDING NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES.

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THERE WERE PRACTICALLY NO GENERAL DEBATE SPEECHES OTHER THAN "COMMUNIST BLOC ON HARD-CORE RADICAL NON-ALIGNED" ONES WHICH SPECIFICALLY SINGLED OUT THE US FOR GRATUITOUS CRITICISM. IN THIS CONNECTION, AND FROM COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS USUN WOULD JUDGE BENIN, GUINEA, GUINEA BISSAU, LAOS, LIBYA AND MOZAMBIQUE ALL TO

FALL INTO THE "HARD-CORE, RADICAL NON-ALIGNED" CATEGORY. ON THE OTHER HAND, GHANA, JAMAICA AND ZAMBIA MIGHT BE PLACED IN A SOMEWHAT LESS EXTREME CATEGORY. IN ADDITION TO PANAMA, BUYANA AND PERU (REF (A)), THE FOREGOING ALL SCORED US STRONGLY:

- A. BENIN-ATTACKED OUR MEMBERSHIP VETOES AND "INGENIOUS PLOY" IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.
- B. GHANA - DENOUNCED MEMBERSHIP VETOES.
- C. GUINEA - ALLEGED ATTEMPTS TO TURN CYPRUS INTO A NATO BASE.
- D. BUINEA BISSAU- WAS "INDIGNANT" OVER MEMBERSHIP VETOES.
- E. LAOS - "CONDEMNED" US MILITARY PRESENCE IN KOREA.
- F. LIBYA - ATTACKED US SUPPORT FOR ZIONISTS.
- G. MOZAMBIQUE- CONDEMNED OUR MEMBERSHIP VETOES
- H. ZAMBIA- INCONNECTION WITH MEMBERSHIP VETOES, ATTACKED "INSTITUTIONALIZED DICTATORSHIP" OF PERMANENT MEMBERS. ALSO SAID THAT "SOME BIG POWERS" HAD INTENSIFIED THEIR DETERMINATION TO "UNDERMINE" THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES WITH THE GOAL OF "DESTABILIZATION".

4. AS FOR MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN BILATERAL MEETINGS, WE BELIEVE THAT "DESTABILIZATION" ISSUE MIGHT BE EXPLOITABLE TO OUR ADVANTAGE. SINCE COMMUNIST "DESTABILIZATION" EFFORTS ARE ACTUAL OR LATENT THREATS IN EUROPE (E.G., YUGOSLAVIA), ASIA (E.G., THAILAND), AFRICA (E.G., SOMALIA), AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO TRY TO DRAW OUT THE NON-ALIGNED AND OTHERS REGARDING THEIR REAL PREOCCUPATIONS IN THIS REGARD. WE COULD RELATE OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCERN OVER ANGOLA'S ADMISSION DIRECTLY TO THE REALITY OF EXTERNAL INFLUENC VIN THAT COUNTRY'S AFFAIRS AND THE POTENTIAL THIS HAS TO SPREAD "DESTABILIZATION" ELSEWHERE. THIS PACKAGE COULD BE TAKEN UP AS OPPORTUNITIES PRESENT THEMSELVES WITH VIRTUALLY ALL THE NON-ALIGNED AND WITHOUT REFERENCE NECESSARILY TO SPECIFIC GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS.

5. ON VIETNAM, AT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES WE SHOULD UNDERLINE IN BILATERAL MEETINGS THAT VIETNAM HAS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMANITARIAN OBLIGATION CONSISTENT WITH UNGA RESOLUTION 3220 (XXIX) TO RELEASE THE INFORMATION WE ARE CONFIDENT IT HAS ON MIA'S.

6. THE LANGUAGE OF THE LIBYAN SPEECH (AMB KIKHIA) WAS SUFFICIENTLY INTEMPERATE AS TO WARRANT CONSIDERATION FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSION.

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